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SUBJECT: STATE COUNCIL PROPOSES AMENDMENT TO LAW GOVERNING
PUBLICATIONS

REF: SEOUL 4091

1. ROKG STATE COUNCIL JUNE 24 ADOPTED AMENDMENT
TO LAW GOVERNING REGISTRATION OF PUBLISHING HOUSES
AND PRINTING COMPANIES. AMENDMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED
TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL AND, IF PASSED,
NEW LAW WILL PROVIDE STIFF NEW GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL
OF ALL PUBLISHED MATERIAL. INFREINGEMENT OF LAW CAN
RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF PUBLISHER'S LICENSE.

2. AS CARRIED IN CHOSUN ILBO, AMENDMENT WORDED AS
FOLLOWS:

A. GOVERNMENT MAY ORDER SUSPENSION OF PRINTING,
SALE, DISTRIBUTION, CONFISCATION OR DELETION IN
PUBLICATIONS CONTAINING MATERIAL (1) THAT DAMAGES
PRESTIGE OF STATE OR CAUSES DISORDER TO CONSTITUTIONAL
PROCESSES OF COUNTRY; (3) REPORTS FALSEHOODS OR
EXAGGERATIONS OF FACTS; (4) (PUBLICATIONS) HARMFUL TO
"HEALTHY NATIONAL SENTIMENT";(5) DISTURBING PUBLIC
ORDER AND CUSTOM; OR (YL CONTAINING INMORAL OR "DIRTY"
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3. COMMENT,AMENDMENT IS IN LINE WITH ROKG'S
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TIGHTEN CENSORSHIP OF
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AS WELL AS PERIODICALS, PART
OF NEW "PURIFICATION MEASURES." (REF).
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